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1. UNDER THE CAPTION "EEC FAILS TO MATCH THE KISSINGER DREAM," TODAY'S GUARDIAN CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE STORY BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, PETER JENKINS, ON THE EEC DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. THE LEAD SENTENCE OF THE ARTICLE DECLARES BALDLY THAT "DR. KISSINGER'S GRAND PLAN FOR A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER HAS MET WITH A COOL RESPONSE FROM THE EEC FOREIGN MINISTERS." QUOTING EXTENSIVELY FROM THE DECLARATION, THE TEXT OF WHICH "HAS BECOME AVAILABLE TO THE GUARDIAN," JENKINS COMMENTS THAT "IT WILL NOT BE SURPRISING IF
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THE AMERICANS FIND A LACK OF SUBSTANCE IN THE EUROPEAN

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RESPONSE TO DR. KISSINGER'S CHALLENGE." IN CONCLUSION JENKINS REFERS TO DR. KISSINGER'S MEETINGS WITH THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK AND SPECULATES THAT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THESE MEETINGS EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON "WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IF ... THE PRESIDENT DECIDES TO POSTPONE HIS TRIP."

2. COMMENT: BRITISH OFFICIALS CLEARLY DO NOT SHARE JENKINS' VIEW THAT EC RESPONSE WAS "COOL." THEY REGARD IT AS A USEFUL STEP FORWARD IN LONG-TERM US-EC DIALOGUE, AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT PRESIDENT WILL NOT POSTPONE HIS VISIT TO EUROPE.

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